

At page 1, line 29 - page 2, line 1, please delete "the features of Claim 1. According to the claim, such an arrangement is characterized in that the pinhole has" and insert --a pinhole having--;

At page 4, before line 1, please insert the centered heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

At page 4, lines 2-3, please delete "based on patent claim 1";

At page 4, line 18 (blank line), please insert the centered heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--; and

At page 7, line 1, please delete "Patent claims" and insert --What is claimed is:--.

*IN THE CLAIMS:*

Please cancel claim 1-12 and add the following new claims 13-30:

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- +13. In an optical arrangement for the spectral fanning out of an incoming light beam in the detection beam path of a confocal microscope for the subsequent splitting of the spectrally fanned out beam out of its dispersion plane and for the detection of the split spectral range, wherein said incoming light beam is focused on a pinhole occluder having a passageway, the improvement comprising: said passageway being polygonal in configuration.
  14. The improvement according to claim 13, wherein said passageway is symmetrically configured.
  15. The improvement according to claim 13, wherein said passageway is triangular in configuration.